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*in the case of the KING-SIZED MIRACLE*



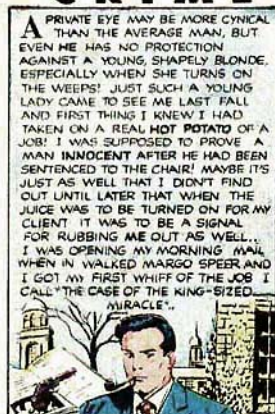
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A PRIVATE EYE MAY BE MORE CYNICAL THAN THE AVERAGE MAN, BUT EVEN HE HAS NO PROTECTION AGAINST A YOUNG, SHAPELY BLONDE, ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE TURNS ON THE WEEPS! JUST SUCH A YOUNG LADY CAME TO SEE ME LAST FALL AND FIRST THING I KNEW I HAD TAKEN ON A REAL HOT POTATO OF A JOB! I WAS SUPPOSED TO PROVE A MAN INNOCENT AFTER HE HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO THE CHAIR! MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL THAT I DIDN'T FIND OUT UNTIL LATER THAT WHEN THE JUICE WAS TO BE TURNED ON FOR MY CLIENT IT WAS TO BE A SIGNAL FOR RUBBING ME OUT AS WELL... I WAS OPENING MY MORNING MAIL WHEN I WALKED MARGO SPEER AND I GOT MY FIRST WHIFF OF THE JOB I CALL "THE CASE OF THE KING-SIZED MIRACLE".



MR. GARDNER, I-I'M MARGO SPEER! I'M DESPERATE! MY BROTHER, EDDIE...

YES, MISS SPEER! I'VE READ ABOUT HIS CASE IN THE NEWSPAPERS! IT'S TOUGH, BUT YOU CAN'T TAKE THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS!

OH! OH! THAT'S THE GIRL WHOSE BROTHER'S GOING TO BE ELECTROCUTED!



BUT HE'S INNOCENT, MR. GARDNER! I KNOW EDDIE! HE WOULDN'T KILL ANYONE! HE GOT INTO THIS MESS ONLY BECAUSE OF ME-AND NOW HE'S GOING TO DIE WITHIN THIRTY-SIX HOURS-UNLESS YOU CAN SAVE HIM! OH, PLEASE, PLEASE...



BUT WHAT CAN I DO? EDDIE HAD A FAIR TRIAL!

PERHAPS MISS SPEER HAS SOME FACTS THAT DIDN'T COME OUT AT THE TRIAL, CHIP! AFTER ALL, THE CASE WAS MOSTLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL...



BUT DON'T YOU SEE, EVERYTHING EDDIE DID WAS JUST TO PREVENT ME FROM MAKING A FOOLISH MISTAKE! YOU MUST BELIEVE ME!

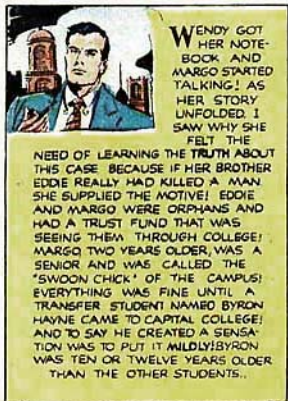
I BELIEVE HER, CHIP! I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS CASE!

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! YOU WIN! IF THERE'S A CHANCE TO SAVE THE BOY'S LIFE, I'M FOR IT AS MUCH AS YOU ARE!



I'LL DO WHAT I CAN, BUT YOU MISS SPEER, MUST TELL ME EVERYTHING! AND REMEMBER, THERE'S A POSSIBILITY I MAY PROVE THE VERDICT WAS RIGHT!

I'LL TAKE THAT CHANCE! OH, MR. GARDNER, YOU'VE GIVEN ME THE FIRST RAY OF HOPE IN WEEKS!



WENDY GOT HER NOTEBOOK AND MARGO STARTED TALKING! AS HER STORY UNFOLDED I SAW WHY SHE FELT THE

NEED OF LEARNING THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS CASE BECAUSE IF HER BROTHER EDDIE REALLY HAD KILLED A MAN SHE SUPPLIED THE MOTIVE! EDDIE AND MARGO WERE ORPHANS AND HAD A TRUST FUND THAT WAS SEEING THEM THROUGH COLLEGE! MARGO TWO YEARS OLDER, WAS A SENIOR AND WAS CALLED THE "SWOON CHICK" OF THE CAMPUS! EVERYTHING WAS FINE UNTIL A TRANSFER STUDENT NAMED BYRON HAYNE CAME TO CAPITAL COLLEGE! AND TO SAY HE CREATED A SENSATION WAS TO PUT IT MILDLY! BYRON WAS TEN OR TWELVE YEARS OLDER THAN THE OTHER STUDENTS.



GET THAT!

SOME BOAT HE'S DRIVING!

BUT EDDIE, I CAN'T LET YOU HAVE ANY MORE MONEY! I'M BROKE, TOO!

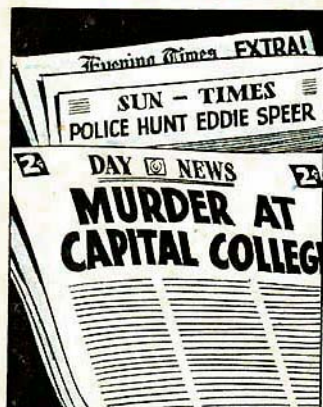
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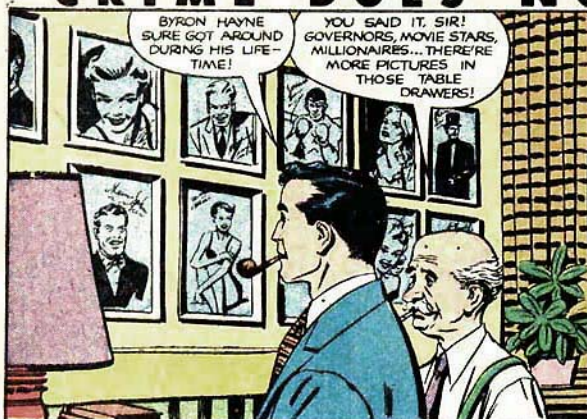
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BY THE TIME MARGO HAD TOLD HER STORY AND I CHECKED THE NEWSPAPERS, FOUR PRECIOUS HOURS HAD PASSED! THAT LEFT ME WITH THIRTY-TWO HOURS TO PERFORM A KING-SIZED MIRACLE! I TOLD WENDY TO TAKE MARGO TO HER APARTMENT, AND I PROMISED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEM! THEN I RUSHED OVER TO BYRON HAYNE'S APARTMENT NEAR THE COLLEGE AND FAST-TALKED THE JANITOR INTO LETTING ME IN... HE WAS A GOGGIPY OLD BUZZARD...

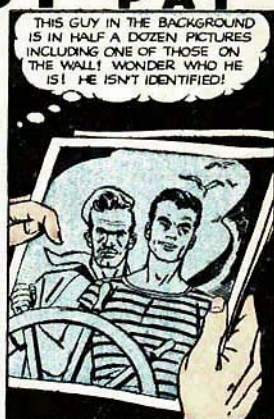


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BYRON HAYNE SURE GOT AROUND DURING HIS LIFE-TIME!

YOU SAID IT, SIR! GOVERNORS, MOVIE STARS, MILLIONAIRES... THERE'RE MORE PICTURES IN THOSE TABLE DRAWERS!

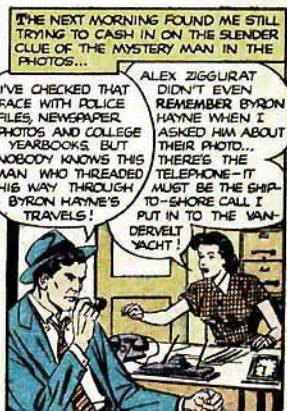


THIS GUY IN THE BACKGROUND IS IN HALF A DOZEN PICTURES INCLUDING ONE OF THOSE ON THE WALL! WONDER WHO HE IS! HE ISN'T IDENTIFIED!



SEEN ALL OF THESE YOU WANT, SIR?

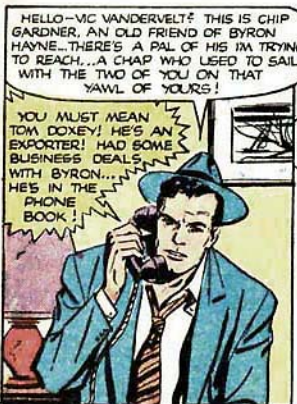
YEAH... PUT 'EM AWAY! THEY JUST SEEM TO PROVE THAT HAYNE LOVED PUBLICITY!



THE NEXT MORNING FOUND ME STILL TRYING TO CASH IN ON THE SLENDER CLUE OF THE MYSTERY MAN IN THE PHOTOS...

I'VE CHECKED THAT FACE WITH POLICE FILES, NEWSPAPER PHOTOS AND COLLEGE YEARBOOKS, BUT NOBODY KNOWS THIS MAN WHO THREADED HIS WAY THROUGH BYRON HAYNE'S TRAVELS!

ALEX ZIGGURAT DIDN'T EVEN REMEMBER BYRON HAYNE WHEN I ASKED HIM ABOUT THEIR PHOTO... THERE'S THE TELEPHONE-IT MUST BE THE SHIP-TO-SHORE CALL I PUT IN TO THE VANDERVELT YACHT!



HELLO-VIC VANDERVELT? THIS IS CHIP GARDNER, AN OLD FRIEND OF BYRON HAYNE...THERE'S A PAL OF HIS I'M TRYING TO REACH...A CHAP WHO USED TO SAIL WITH THE TWO OF YOU ON THAT YAWL OF YOURS!

YOU MUST MEAN TOM DOXEY! HE'S AN EXPORTER! HAD SOME BUSINESS DEALS WITH BYRON...HE'S IN THE PHONE BOOK!

HE WAS RIGHT-DOXEY WAS IN THE PHONE BOOK! WENDY AND I PILED INTO MY CAR AND IN TWENTY MINUTES WE WERE AT THE ADDRESS I'D WRITTEN ON A SLIP OF PAPER! I LEFT WENDY IN THE CAR AND WENT IN ALONE...

MR. DOXEY WILL SEE YOU NOW, MR. GARDNER!

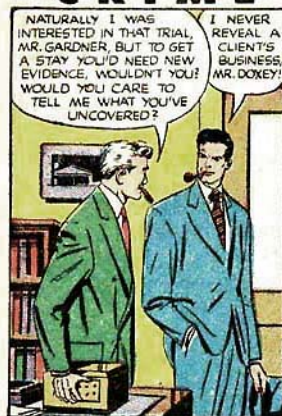
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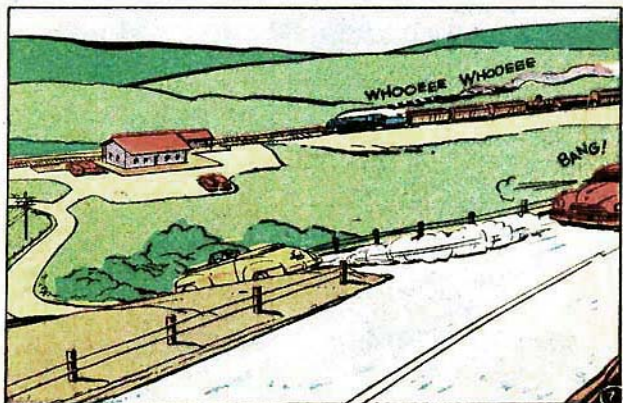
SORRY THIS TRIP HAS BEEN FRUITLESS, MR. GARDNER, BUT YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED! I MET BYRON HAYNE AT A FEW SOCIAL AFFAIRS THAT'S ALL! WE NEVER HAD ANY BUSINESS DEALINGS!

I JUST WANTED TO CHECK! I'M PRETTY SURE EDDIE SPEER DON'T KILL HAYNE! I'M ON MY WAY NOW TO GET A STAY OF EXECUTION FROM THE GOVERNOR! 'BYE, MR. DOXEY!

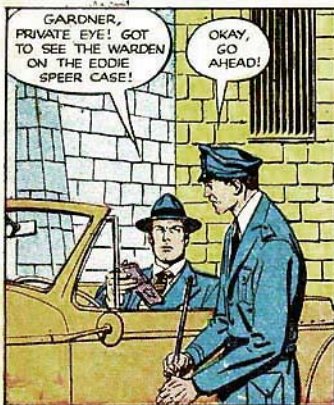
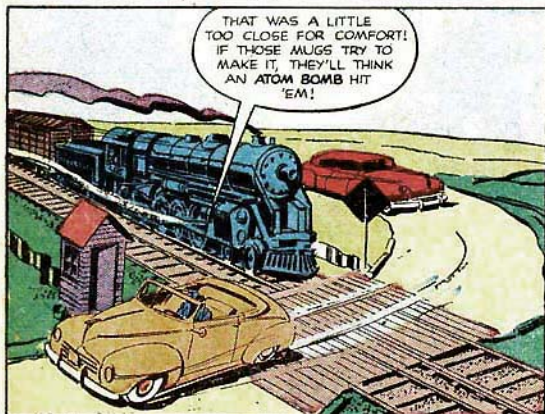
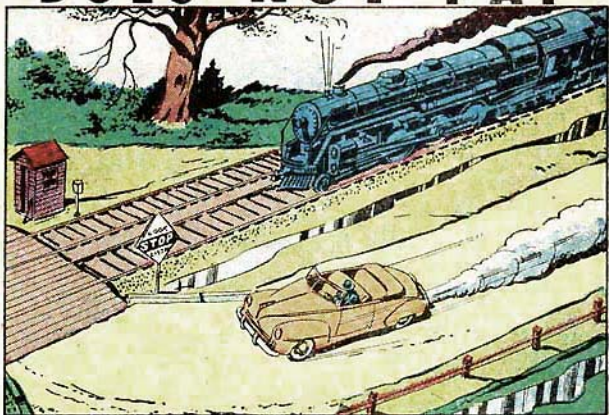
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YOU'D HAVE THOUGHT MY CAR WAS A MAGNET, THE WAY THOSE BOYS 'CLUNG! THEY MUST HAVE HAD ORDERS TO KEEP ME FROM GETTING TO THE GOVERNOR, AND THOSE ORDERS MUST HAVE COME FROM DOXEY! OBVIOUSLY HIS PLAY ON THE INTER-COM, BACK AT THE OFFICE, HAD BEEN A SIGNAL TO SET THIS UP, AND THE JOB OFFER WAS A STALL FOR TIME! I HAD TO FIND OUT WHY DOXEY WANTED EDDIE SPEER TO DIE, AND I HOPED THAT EDDIE HAD THE ANSWER! SO MY NEXT MOVE WAS TO SHAKE MY SHADOWS AND KEEP DOXEY IN THE DARK! IF INVOLVED IN MURDER, DOXEY COULDN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE A BLOODHOUND ON THE LOOSE, AND WOULD BE FORCED TO TIP HIS MITT! THE TIME WAS GROWING SHORT, AND AFTER PLAYING TAG IN THE CITY FOR HALF AN HOUR, I HEADED OUT INTO THE COUNTRY!



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AS I FOLLOWED THE A GUARD DOWN TO THE DEATH BLOCK, OUR SHADOWS LOOMED AHEAD LIKE PHANTOM FIGURES WARNING US THAT LITTLE TIME WAS LEFT, AND FROM THE CELLS THAT FLANKED "CONDEMNED MEN'S ROW," HAGGARD FACES LOOKED AT US IN EERIE SILENCE! THEY KNEW THAT THE CLOCK WAS RUNNING OUT FOR EDDIE SPEER, AND I SENSED THAT THESE HARDENED CRIMINALS, DRAWN TOGETHER BY THE INVISIBLE BONDS OF MEN FACING DEATH, WERE ROOTING HARD FOR THE KID TO BEAT THE CHAIR!

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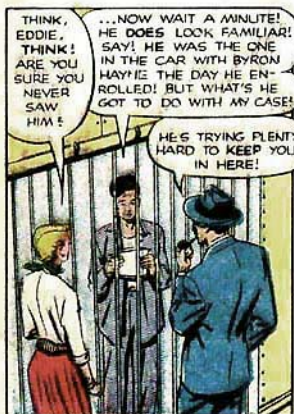


STEADY, NOW, EDDIE! HERE COMES CHIP GARDNER! MAYBE HE HAS NEWS!

MARGO HAS TOLD YOU THE WHOLE STORY, MR. GARDNER! I LOST MY TEMPER AND MADE THREATS TO BYRON WAYNE, BUT I DON'T KILL HIM!

YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE—YOU CAN'T FAIL US!

SORRY I HAVE NOTHING NEW—UNLESS EDDIE CAN IDENTIFY THE MAN IN THESE PICTURES!



THINK, EDDIE, THINK! ARE YOU SURE YOU NEVER SAW HIM?

...NOW WAIT A MINUTE! HE DOES LOOK FAMILIAR! SAY! HE WAS THE ONE IN THE CAR WITH BYRON WAYNE THE DAY HE ENROLLED! BUT WHAT'S HE GOT TO DO WITH MY CASE?

HE'S TRYING PLENTY HARD TO KEEP YOU IN HERE!



—AND I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT WHY! MARGO, I'M TAKING WENDY BACK TO TOWN WITH ME! I MAY NEED HER THERE! YOU STAY WITH EDDIE AS LONG AS THEY'LL LET YOU! WE'LL LEAVE THE RENTED CAR FOR YOU!



CHIP, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SAVE EDDIE? YOU HAVE ONLY SEVEN HOURS MORE YOU KNOW!

I'M NOT GIVING UP WENDY! WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO IS GET LIEUTENANT ASHFORD OF HOMICIDE AND KEEP HIM IN HIS OFFICE! I'VE GOT TO KNOW HE'LL BE THERE IF I NEED HIM! EVERY MINUTE MAY COUNT!

IT WAS NEARING EIGHT O'CLOCK WHEN I LEFT WENDY AND HEADED FOR DOXEY'S OFFICE! I WANTED TO PRISK THE PLACE FOR EVIDENCE OF A POSSIBLE TIE-UP BETWEEN DOXEY AND WAYNE! AND THE ONLY TIME TO DO IT WAS AFTER HOURS! THERE WERE OTHER QUESTIONS I WANTED ANSWERED, TOO! WHAT WAS WAYNE'S BACKGROUND BEFORE HE DECIDED TO GO TO COLLEGE TO ACQUIRE CULTURE AT THE AGE OF THIRTY? AND WHERE DID HE GET HIS MONEY?... THE STREETS WERE ALMOST DESERTED WHEN I REACHED DOXEY'S OFFICE BUILDING, BUT I TOOK NO CHANCES AND HEADED FOR A BACK ALLEY...



I HOPE AN AMBITIOUS PATROLMAN DOESN'T SPOT ME AND START SHOOTING! I'D BE A SITTING DUCK UP HERE!

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I'D LINKED DOXEY AND HAYNE ALL RIGHT! THE ACCOUNTS DATED BACK ALMOST FIVE YEARS! BUT WHAT DID THEY MEAN? I PICKED UP THE PHONE AND CALLED ED KLING, A FRIEND OF MINE IN THE EXPORT BUSINESS... I GOT HIM AT HIS HOME...



THIS MAY BE SOME KIND OF COVER-UP FOR ILLEGAL MONEY! BUT WHY? SAY—IT WOULD TAKE A TAX COLLECTOR A LONG TIME TO TRACK DOWN THOSE PHONY COMPANIES! HAYNE AND DOXEY MUST HAVE HAD SOME RACKET TOGETHER AND MAYBE DOXEY WANTED IT ALL FOR HIMSELF!...I'LL JUST LATCH ON TO THIS PAGE!



NOT MUCH TIME LEFT! I'D BETTER PUT THESE LEDGERS BACK AND CLEAR OUT!



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GOT 'IM!

MY EYES WERE ON THE CLOCK WHEN BUCKS' GUN CAUGHT ME BEHIND THE EAR AND TIME ITSELF SEEMED TO EXPLODE...



THEN THE DIAL OF THE CLOCK CHANGED TO EDDIE'S CELL, IN THE DEATHHOUSE! THE HANDS OF THE CLOCK BECAME EDDIE'S HANDS RAISED IN FEAR AND HORROR TO BLOT OUT A VISION OF THE WAITING CHAIR...



HERE YOU ARE, KID—STEAK AND MASHED POTATOES!

TAKE IT AWAY! HOW DO YOU THINK I CAN EAT? WH—WHERE'S GARDNER? HE—HE PROMISED...



I ONLY RENTED THAT ROOM TO TWO OF YOU! HELL COST YOU FIVE BUCKS MORE!

OKAY, YOU OLD MONEY GRABBER!

AS I CAME TO, I FOUND MYSELF LYING ON A COT, MY WRISTS HANDCLIPPED BEHIND ME! OUT OF A WHIRL OF THOUGHTS, I COULD AGAIN SEE EDDIE...



BUT, CHAPLAIN, YOU CAN'T LET THEM GO THROUGH WITH THIS! CHIP GARDNER WILL PROVE MY STORY! I KNOW HE WILL!



A SHARP KNOCK ON THE DOOR BROUGHT ME BACK TO MY OWN PREDICAMENT, BUT I STILL PRETENDED TO BE OUT COLD...

IT'S THE BOSS!

LET HIM IN! GARDNERS STILL DEAD TO THE WORLD!

I DON'T LIKE IT, DOKEY! YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT WE HAD TO GET RID OF BYRON! HE WOULDN'T LET US EXPAND! LET US EXPAND! HE WAS SATISFIED WITH FIFTY GRAND A YEAR AND WANTED TO BE A GENTLEMAN! ANYWAY, NO ONE SUSPECTS US OF HIS DEATH!

YOU MEAN NO ONE SUSPECTS YOU OF HIS DEATH, UNLESS GARDNER KNOWS TOO MUCH!



LISTEN, WE DID MOST OF THE WORK AND BYRON GOT MOST OF THE MONEY! HE WOULDN'T GO FOR THE NUMBERS RACKET, WHERE WE COULD HAVE MADE TEN TIMES AS MUCH! HE WAS TOO HIGH CLASS FOR THAT! AS FOR GARDNER, HE CAN'T KNOW SO MUCH! I FRAMED SPEEDER TOO GOOD! IF THE GOVERNOR DOESN'T ISSUE A REPRIEVE, LET GARDNER HAVE HIS WHEN THEY TURN THE JUICE ON EDDIE!

YEAH! IF EDDIE GETS THE HOT SEAT, WE'LL KNOW THAT GARDNER WAS BLUFFING ABOUT THAT REPRIEVE!



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THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK NEWS REVEALED THAT EDDIE WAS GOING TO FRY—AND THAT MEANT THE END OF CHIP GARDNER TOO... NOW, AT LAST, WHEN I KNEW ENOUGH TO SAVE THAT INNOCENT KID FROM THE CHAIR, I WAS HELPLESS, WITH BOTH MY HANDS MANACLED BEHIND MY BACK AND TWO HOOBS STANDING GUARD!... THEN I REMEMBERED AN OLD TRICK OF HOW TO GET OUT OF A SITUATION LIKE THIS—OR AT LEAST PART WAY OUT—BUT I COULDN'T WORK IT WITH BUCK AND ARTIE WATCHING ME! SO I FELL BACK ON ANOTHER OLD TRICK—A VERBAL TRICK...

BOY, THAT DOXEY IS SMOOTH! HE FRAMED EDDIE FOR BYRON'S MURDER, AND NOW HE'S MAKING YOU THE FALL GUYS TO GET RID OF ME! SUCKERS, YOU'LL BE NEXT!

YEAH? WHERE DO YOU GET THAT STUFF? DO YOU THINK WE'D FALL FOR A GUM-SHOE'S LINE?

HE MIGHT BE RIGHT AT THAT, BUCK! I'M FOR CALLING DOXEY BACK AND LETTING HIM GIVE THE ANSWERS!

WHY BOTHER DOXEY—AND MAKE YOURSELF OUT TO BE A SAP? COME BACK HERE!

I'VE LISTENED TO YOU LONG ENOUGH, BUCK! I'VE SEEN ONE OF DOXEY'S FRAME-UPS AND I'M NOT GOING TO STEP INTO ANOTHER ONE IF I CAN HELP IT!



LUCKY THOSE WERE LINK CUFFS! THEY GIVE ME JUST ENOUGH STRETCH!



IF ARTIE AND BUCK WILL ARGUE IT OUT FOR JUST A MINUTE MORE...



LOOK OUT, BUCK! GARDNER... HE'S GETTING AWAY!



NO YOU DON'T, WISE GUY!



DON'T—WHAT?

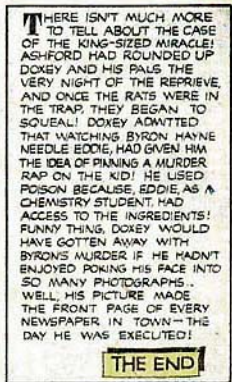
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? I'LL HAVE NO FIGHTING IN MY ROOMS!



SWING YOUR PARTNERS, FOLKS!... AND THANKS FOR AN ENCHANTING EVENING!



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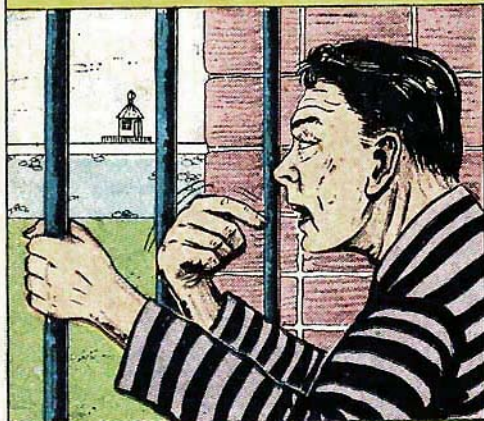
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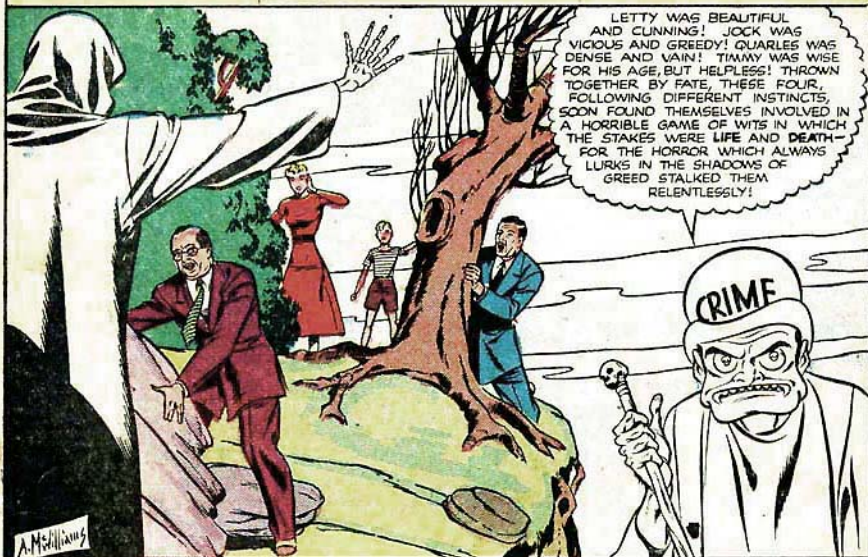
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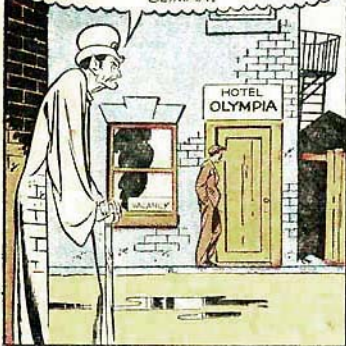
IT'S PLAYTIME FOR THE SHARPIES WHEN THEY SPOT A RICH SUCKER!  
THE BIGGER THE STAKE, THE GREATER THE RISKS AND THE MORE  
INTENSE THE GAME, BUT IT GETS PRETTY GRIM WHEN...



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INSIDE, THE OLYMPIA WAS RUN-DOWN, BEAT-UP AND SMELLY, BUT SOMEHOW IT FITTED THE AMBITIONS OF LETTY JONES AND JOCK LEMAY LIKE A GUN FITS A HOLSTER! THERE WAS A STEELY CRUELTY WITHIN THESE DIRTY WALLS, AND GREEDS WHICH COULD EXPLODE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE!



THE DESIRES OF THE CREATURES WHO LIVED HERE WERE AS INFLATED AND UNREAL AS THE NAME OF THE HOTEL ITSELF, FOR THEY DREAMED OF WEALTH AND ARROGANCE, THESE PETTY THIEVES AND THEIR DOLLS!



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THE SNEAK THIEF SAW HIMSELF AS KING OF THE GAMBLERS; THE DRUNKARD REVELING IN BOOZY DREAMS, BECAME THE BEER BARON, AND THE SAILOR-ROLLING FLOOZIE PICTURED HERSELF AS A QUEEN OF SOCIETY! ALL IN ALL, THEY WERE ROYALTY PREPARED TO ASCEND THE THRONE IF ONLY THE "BREAK" WOULD COME!



AND WHAT WAS THE "BREAK" THEY ALL WAITED FOR? A NUGGET OF GOLD LYING IN THE GUTTER? THE KEY TO A TREASURE CHEST LYING ON AN ASH HEAP? FOR JOCK LEMAY, IT WAS THE "BIG" JOB!



HOW ABOUT THIS ONE, LETTY? "PRACTICAL NURSE WANTED FOR MALE INVALID, \$300 A MONTH!"

I WOULDN'T TAKE IT FOR A THOUSAND A MONTH! I'M THROUGH!

WHAT DO YOU CARE WHAT I DO SO LONG AS YOU CAN BUST IN ONE NIGHT WITH YOUR CAP PISTOL AND WALK OUT WITH ENOUGH GROCERY MONEY FOR ANOTHER MONTH?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, LETTY? AIN'T YOU SATISFIED WITH THE WAY I RUN THINGS?



NO! I'M NOT SATISFIED! I DO ALL THE DIRTY WORK! I SHOVE BED PANS, COOK AND CLEAN FOR THREE WEEKS TO CASE A JOINT—THEN ONE NIGHT YOU WALK THROUGH A DOOR I OPEN—AND WE SPLIT FIFTY-FIFTY!



SO YOU THINK YOU'RE ENTITLED TO MORE?

YOU SAID IT! I PUT IN A WHOLE MONTH OF SLAVING AGAINST YOUR LOUSY TWO HOURS OF WALKING AROUND IN THE DARK WITH A GUN IN YOUR HAND! I WANT A BIGGER CUT!



I LET YOU KEEP YOUR SALARY, DON'T I?

GET YOUR FEET OFF THE TABLE OR I'LL SCALD 'EM!

YOU'RE JUST IN A BAD MOOD THIS MORNING, LETTY! SORRY I RAN IN! MAYBE I'D BETTER GET BACK TO MY ROOM!



I'M FED UP! WHEN I WAS DANCING AT THE MOSBY CLUB, I HAD CLOTHES TO WEAR AND A DECENT APARTMENT TO LIVE IN, AND I DIDN'T WORRY ABOUT THE COPS! WITH YOU, I'M GETTING NOWHERE FAST! THAT "BIG" JOB TALK OF YOURS IS JUST A PIPE DREAM!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU CAN'T LAND A DECENT JOB! WHEN YOU DO WORK, I HAVE TO MOVE OUT HALF THE HOUSE TO MAKE A FEW BUCKS!



BUT I CAN'T GET INTO THE RICHER HOMES! THEY WANT REFERENCES—THE KIND THEY CHECK UP ON! WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? I'M STANDING STILL, JOCK, AND BESIDES, IF I KEEP WORKING WITH YOU, I'LL WIND UP BEHIND BARS! IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!

MAYBE THIS'LL MAKE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND! LOOK AT THE JOB I CIRCLED!



THEY WANT A GOVERNESS HERE! WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT TAKING CARE OF A KID? I NEVER EVEN HAD ANY SISTERS OR BROTHERS!

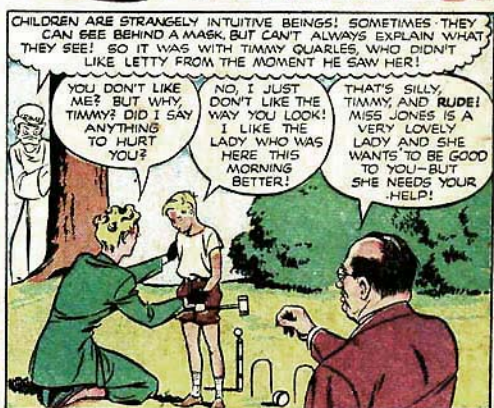
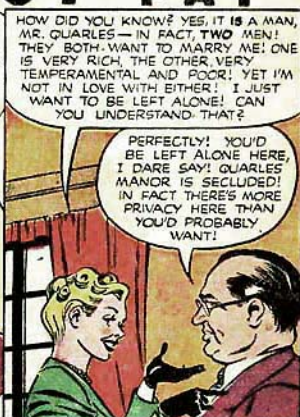
YOU'RE NOT LOOKING AT THE RIGHT STUFF! READ THE PART ABOUT WHO'S DOING THE HIRING AND WHERE HE LIVES!



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MEANWHILE, IT WASN'T ONLY TIMMY WHO WAS GIVING LETTY TROUBLE! ONCE A WEEK, ON HER DAY OFF, SHE HAD TO SEE JOCK!



YOU'VE BEEN THERE A MONTH NOW! THAT'S ENOUGH TIME TO CASE A JOINT! WHEN DO WE PULL THE JOB?

IT'LL HAVE TO WAIT! I HAVEN'T FOUND WHERE THE REAL STUFF IS YET! I'VE GOT TO RUN ALONG NOW, JOCK! I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT! I'LL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!



YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK, BABY? YOU'RE STALLING! WHAT'S MORE YOU INTEND TO KEEP STALLING! WHY? YOU DON'T LIKE PLAYING WET NURSE TO A LOUSY BRAT! WHAT'S THE GIMMICK?

YOU'RE CRAZY, JOCK! WHY SHOULD I STALL? I WANT WHAT YOU WANT- THE BIG KILL! A BIG JOB TAKES PREPARATION, SO DON'T GET ANY NUTTY IDEAS INTO YOUR HEAD!

LETTY WAS ONLY BEING ECONOMICAL! SHE HAD ENOUGH IDEAS FOR BOTH OF THEM, AS SHE PROVED HALF AN HOUR LATER, UPTOWN...



WHY, IT'S BREATH-TAKING, MR. QUARLES! I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL BRACELET, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE...

I WANTED TO, LETTY! IT EXPRESSES THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT YOU! YOU'RE THE FIRST WOMAN I'VE GIVEN A PRESENT TO SINCE EDITH DIED; AND DON'T CALL ME, MR. QUARLES! CALL ME EDWARD!



BUT EDWARD, I'M ONLY A GOVERNESS, AND NOT A GOOD ONE, EITHER! TIMMY DOESN'T LIKE ME, NO MATTER WHAT I DO!

BUT I LIKE YOU, LETTY! I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU! I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT YOU WERE IN THE PAST! WHAT MATTERS IS THE WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT ME!



OH, DARLING, WHAT CAN I FEEL BUT DEEP, DEEP LOVE- AND SO MUCH ADMIRATION AND RESPECT FOR SO WISE AND FASCINATING A MAN!

YOU'RE THE MOST EXCITING WOMAN I'VE EVER MET, LETTY! YES, EVEN MORE EXCITING THAN EDITH! IT WAS MY SHEER LUCK THAT BROUGHT YOU TO QUARLES MANDOR!



LETTY, MARRY ME! I WON'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER!

OF COURSE! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT, MY DARLING!

THE DIRTY TWO-TIMER! SHE'S PLAYING FOR ALL THE MARBLES!



THAT'S WHY, WHEN LETTY SKIPPED THREE APPOINTMENTS IN A ROW, JOCK DIDN'T WASTE MUCH TIME SEEKING HER OUT!

YOUR COUSIN, JOCK, FROM CLEVELAND, MA'AM!

AIN'T YOU GOING TO GIVE YOUR COUSIN A BIG KISS? IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER, LETTY!

TIMMY, TAKE YOUR BALL AND GO PLAY IN THE GARDEN! I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A FEW MINUTES!

VERY WELL, MOTHER!



MOTHER!!

QUARLES MARRIED ME THREE WEEKS AGO, WE JUST CAME BACK FROM A TWO-WEEK HONEYMOON IN BERMUDA! YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE A CHANGE IN PLANS, JOCK!



I DON'T SEE WHY! IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME WHETHER THE FOLKS I ROB ARE MARRIED OR SINGLE! I HOPE MARRIAGE DIDN'T MAKE YOU FORGET HOW TO JOT DOWN THE COMBINATION OF A SAFE, OR FIND OUT WHERE THE JEWELS ARE KEPT!

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...I SAID CHANGES WERE MADE—CHANGES I NEVER EXPECTED! THAT SAFE COMBINATION—THOSE JEWELS—THEY'RE MINE NOW, JOCK! NOBODY'S GOING TO STEAL THEM! HOWEVER, I REALIZE I OWE YOU SOMETHING, SO I INTEND GIVING YOU THIS—A THOUSAND DOLLARS! THAT SHOULD EVEN THINGS UP!

NOT BY MY BOOKKEEPING! WE ENTERED THIS DEAL AS PARTNERS! OKAY, SO ONE PARTNER FELL IN SOFT—SHE GOT MARRIED! WHAT DOES THAT LEAVE THE OTHER PARTNER?

EXACTLY AS BEFORE—A FIFTY-FIFTY PARTNER! ME GETTING A GRAND AND YOU GETTING A MILLION! ISN'T MY IDEA OF EVEN STEPHEN, SO I'LL BE AROUND NEXT WEEK FOR ANOTHER GRAND AND EVERY WEEK THEREAFTER!

YOU'RE CRAZY, JOCK! YOU'D BETTER TAKE WHAT YOU CAN GET AND BE SATISFIED!

OH, YOU'LL DO IT, SISTER, BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T, I'LL SOUL-AL ABOUT THE HUNDRED JOBS YOU'VE PULLED OFF WITH MY HELP! YES, LETTY, I'LL GO TO JAIL WITH YOU, IF I HAVE TO, BUT I'M NOT COMING OUT OF THIS GOLD MINE WITH PEANUTS!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF MY WIFE!

SURE BUSTER! I'VE GOT A RIGHT TO SLAP HER AROUND! I'M ONLY HER COUSIN, FROM CLEVELAND! SO LONG, LETTY! REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU—WRITE TO ALN'T TESSIE, CARE OF FORT KNOX!

LET HIM GO, EDWARD! I'LL EXPLAIN LATER!

BUT LETTY'S EXPLANATION OF A COUSIN WHO NEEDED FINANCIAL HELP IN HIS ADVERTISING BUSINESS DIDN'T STAND UP! JUDGING BY THE NUMBER OF VISITS JOCK MADE, HE NEEDED A LOT OF HELP!

HI, GUARLES! HOW'S THE OLD MILLIONAIRE!

I WONDER IF LETTY IS FOOLING ME ABOUT THIS FELLOW BEING HER COUSIN?... I THINK I'LL HIRE A PRIVATE DETECTIVE!

AND SO, TWO WEEKS LATER, A DETECTIVE REPORTED TO GUARLES IN HIS MID-TOWN OFFICE...

WHY THEY'RE LETTY'S JEWELS!

I FOUND THEM IN THREE DIFFERENT JEWELRY EXCHANGES, MR. GUARLES! WITHIN THE PAST FEW MONTHS YOUR WIFE HAS GIVEN THIS LEMAY OVER \$30,000 IN GEMS AND CASH! INCIDENTALLY, JOCK HAS NO BUSINESS, BUT HE DOES HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD!

LETTY THREW HERSELF ON GUARLES' MERCY WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THE EVIDENCE, SAYING THAT SHE HAD BEEN FOOLED BY JOCK—THAT HE'D NEVER GET ANOTHER PENNY!

YOU MUST NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN, LETTY! THE MAN IS A CRIMINAL!

INDEED? I DIDN'T KNOW THAT, EITHER!

I MUST DO SOMETHING QUICKLY! JOCK WILL NEVER STOP BLACKMAILING ME TILL I'M DRAINED OF EVERY CENT!

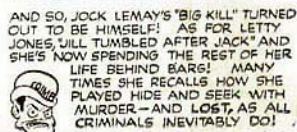
I'VE GOT TO UNLOAD EDWARD, TOO! IF I HAD HIS MONEY, FREE AND CLEAR, I'D KNOW HOW TO SPEND IT! I'D PUT THE BRAT IN A BOARDING SCHOOL! I'D TRAVEL ALL OVER THE WORLD! I WOULDN'T HAVE TO ACCOUNT TO ANYBODY FOR A PENNY!

MAYBE I COULD ARRANGE FOR EDWARD TO HAVE AN 'ACCIDENT'! BUT FIRST, I MUST REMOVE THE 'LEECH' JOCK WOULD BE AN EVEN BIGGER THREAT IF EDWARD'S MONEY WERE ALL MINE! I WON'T BE EASILY GETTING RID OF EITHER OF THEM, BUT TEN MILLION DOLLARS IS A WORTHWHILE INCENTIVE!

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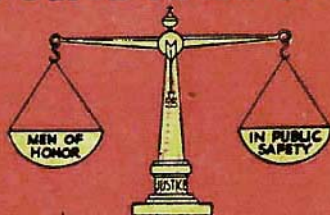
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"Let's Talk It Over"

FRANKLIN LAKES BOROUGH, a quiet, small New Jersey town, knows of crime as something they read about in the papers — it rarely happens in that vicinity. The inhabitants go through the normal routine of life with few interruptions.

Chief of Police Arthur A. Pickering, one of the youngest chiefs in the state, serves the town as both a law enforcement officer and a friend. Major crimes just didn't happen in Franklin Lakes.

That's why Chief Pickering was so astounded when one spring day the sound of screaming tires was heard as a car pulled up in front of police headquarters. Looking out of the window, Pickering saw Henry Thomas, one of his oldest friends, jump out of the car and run up the steps leading to his office.

Opening the door, Pickering asked, "What's wrong, Henry?"

"Bad news, Chief," Thomas breathlessly answered. "Just a few minutes ago, Fred Smith's wife, Joan, came screaming to our house. She had been shot! She was hysterical. Fred's gone insane. Joan said he held her prisoner for four days in their house without food. Then he said he was going to kill her and shot her in the face with a shotgun. She escaped to our house. I called an ambulance before I came over here."

Pickering immediately strapped on his gun and told Thomas, "I'll take my car. You can follow me in yours."

Arriving at Mr. Thomas' house, Pickering found the ambulance already there. Mrs. Smith was being placed in it. She was still conscious, and the doctor said that the chief could talk to her for a minute. Bending over her, Chief Pick-

ering said, "Hello, Joan. This is Chief Pickering. The doctor says you're going to be all right. What happened to Fred?"

In a weak voice, Mrs. Smith answered, "He's gone crazy, Chief. He came home for dinner last Friday . . . it seems like last year . . . and suddenly he said he was going to kill me. I tried to calm him and to reason with him, but for four days he terrorized me, and today he shot me! I screamed and fell down, and, when his back was turned, I ran out. Be careful, Chief! He has hundreds of shells, and he's crazy!" With that, the ambulance left for the hospital.

About 100 yards away stood the Smith's house. Set back from the road, it was in a clearing and built solidly out of stone. Walking slowly across the lawn, Pickering suddenly heard a shot, and instinctively fell to the ground. Three more shots followed. Crawling back to the Thomas house, Pickering put in a call to headquarters. "Ed," he told his sergeant, "get five men to Fred Smith's house immediately! Bring tear gas and a public address system!"

Within a few minutes, five of Pickering's men were on the spot. "Listen, boys," the chief said, "Smith seems to have gone crazy! He's barricaded himself in his house and is shooting at anyone who comes within range. He has plenty of ammunition, so it may be tough. Scatter around the house. Mike and Tom take the back. Ed, go on the far side, and Frank, you take the left. I'll cover the front with Dick. I don't want to have a gun fight if I can help it, so don't fire until I tell you to — no matter what happens!"

Pickering's men silently maneuvered to their positions and waited. No sound came from the house. Pickering brought the public address system to the front of the house. Speaking slowly, he said, "Fred, this is Chief Pickering. My men have surrounded your house. You can't escape. Come out unarmed and no one will get hurt. We don't want to hurt you . . . we're your friends. Please don't make us do anything we'll both be sorry for."

Pickering waited tensely for Fred Smith's answer. Minutes later, after an agonizing silence, a burst of fire from the house swept the front lawn. "You'll never get me!" Fred Smith screamed. "I know you want to kill me! Everybody wants to kill me!" Again, shots were fired at Chief Pickering.

"Don't you think you should have the boys start moving in, Chief?" asked Pickering's aide. "The guy's insane! He'll never give himself up!"

"No, Dick," Pickering answered, "I don't want any unnecessary bloodshed. If we move in, someone is going to get hurt. I'll play for time. I think we can get him out unarmed and without violence."

Once more the P.A. system droned out Chief Pickering's appeal to the insane man. "Fred, you don't have to worry. I won't kill you. I don't want to hurt you. I'm not armed. Please come out before you hurt someone."

As he talked, Pickering inched towards the

house. Using the microphone as a charmer woots a snake with music, Pickering kept talking: "Just come out, Fred, and no one will get hurt. You know I wouldn't hurt you. You're my friend."

With every word, Pickering edged slowly closer to the house. At any moment shots might cut him down, but he ran the risk. There was silence from the house, however. He was now within 100 feet of the front door. Every step was accompanied with soothing talk. Pickering's men watched with fascination. Their guns drawn, each man silently prayed that the madman wouldn't open fire.

Suddenly, as Pickering spoke, he noticed the door shudder. He grew even more tense . . . it seemed to indicate that Smith was ready to come out. Would he come out shooting?

Again the door seemed to shudder. Pickering saw the knob turn. It moved almost imperceptively, as in a slow-motion picture. Then the door inched open. Pickering waved to his men not to fire. Every man held his breath as the door opened wider, and Fred Smith stood on the threshold gun in hand, facing Pickering.

His face was drawn and his eyes gleamed. His hand holding the shotgun trembled. Pickering prayed it wouldn't go off accidentally. Slowly Smith spoke: "Don't come any nearer, Chief! This gun is loaded! I'm leaving here and neither you nor anyone else will stop me! Now get out of my way!"

Pickering didn't budge. His eyes were concentrated on Smith. Softly, he said, "Listen, Fred, I'm not going to hurt you. Just relax. All I want to do is talk to you. Put your gun down, Fred! You don't need it! You're tired and need a rest. Come on now, let's get together and talk this thing over."

Smith blinked as the chief talked, and Pickering noticed a slight slackening of tension. He walked slowly forward to follow up his advantage. Smith's hand wavered and he brought the gun to his side. Then, as Pickering advanced, he tightened his grip on the gun again.

For five minutes the two men stood there, facing each other. Pickering's calm voice droned on and on. Then, as suddenly as he had opened fire before, Smith dropped his hand to his side. This time, Pickering was closer, and as soon as it went down, he stepped up to Fred Smith and took the gun from his hand. Almost meekly, Smith let Chief Pickering take the gun and allowed himself be led from his house to a waiting police car.

Later, in his office, Pickering admitted that he had been extremely nervous in the minutes just before Smith gave himself up, but he added, "I knew that bloodshed could be avoided if persuasion were used instead of gun fire. It's a pity that such a tragic thing happened to Fred. But at least now he'll have a chance to be cured. And that, after all, is what we're trying to do . . . *help our citizens, rather than hurt them.*"

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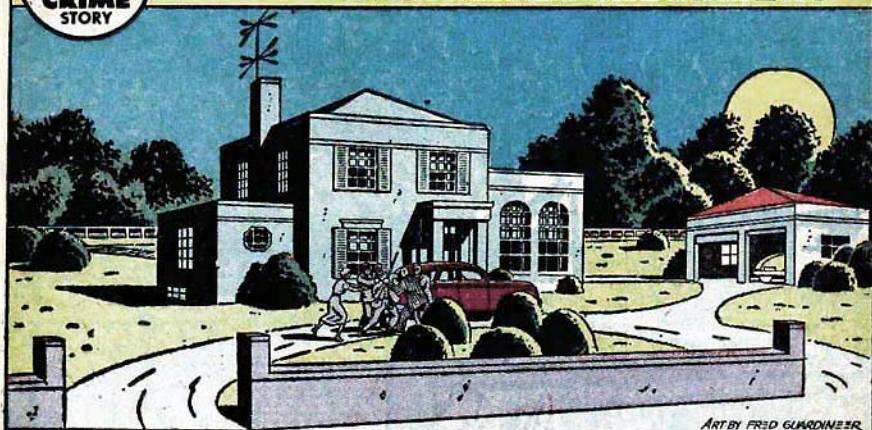
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## WHO DUNNIT?

HOW GOOD A DETECTIVE ARE YOU? CAN YOU PUT YOUR FINGER ON THE MURDERER OF JAMES MARDELL, IN THE CURIOUS CASE OF...

## MURDER BY MOONLIGHT



ART BY FRED GUARDINEER

**WHO KILLED JAMES MARDELL?** THE RISING MOON CASTING ITS GLOW ACROSS THE LAWN, REVEALS A STRANGE STRUGGLE NEAR THE FRONT DOOR OF THE MARDELL MANSION! YET THIS FRAY, TOUCHED OFF BY A FANATIC, WAS BUT THE PRELUDE TO AN ACTUAL CRIME OF HOMICIDE AND ROBBERY! INVOLVED AS SUSPECTS WERE FOUR PEOPLE! YOUR JOB—TO FIND THE MURDERER!

WHICH ONE OF THESE FOUR SUSPECTS KILLED JAMES MARDELL?



BOYCE... THE SECRETARY

KIRBY... THE CHAUFFEUR

WANDA... MRS. MARDELL

KILGORE... THE FANATIC

### INSIDE THE MARDELL MANSION...

QUITE THE EFFICIENT SECRETARY, AREN'T YOU, BOYCE—READING MY HUSBAND'S MAIL BEFORE HE GETS HOME! I'LL TELL HIM TO RECOMMEND YOU AS A SNOOPER WHEN YOU START LOOKING FOR ANOTHER JOB—WHICH WILL BE SOON!

WHY—ER—YOU SEE, MRS. MARDELL, I WAS AFRAID THIS MIGHT BE ANOTHER THREATENING LETTER! MR. MARDELL HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL, YOU KNOW!

THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A THREAT—A LETTER IN A WOMAN'S HAND—WRITING AND PERFUMED! I NOTICE, TOO, THAT YOU PEELED OPEN THE ENVELOPE SO YOU CAN SEAL IT AGAIN!

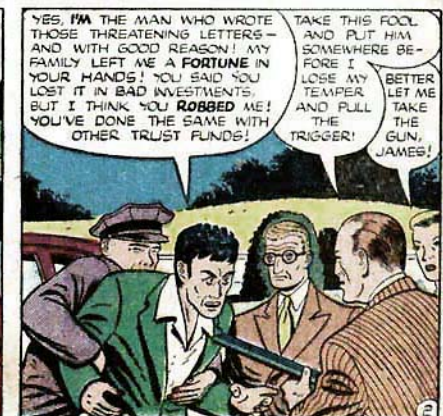
MAYBE YOU'LL AGREE THAT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA AFTER YOU READ THE LETTER, MRS. MARDELL!

WHY—WHY—THIS LETTER IS FROM GAIL CAULTON! SHE WANTS MY HUSBAND TO MEET HER TONIGHT AT THE "USUAL PLACE" AND TO "BRING ALL THE MONEY!" SHE SAYS THIS TIME THEY'RE PLAYING FOR KEEPS! I SUPPOSE THIS MEANS THEY ARE GOING AWAY TOGETHER!

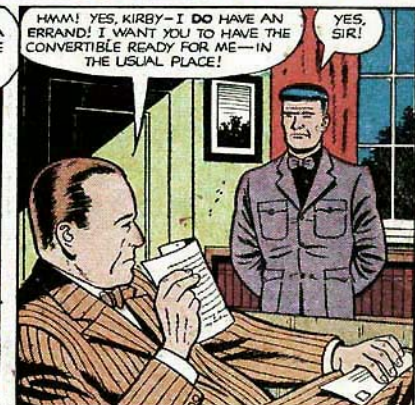
YOU GUESSED IT, LADY! NOW SUPPOSE I SEAL THAT LETTER JUST AS I FOUND IT! THE MONEY IT TALKS ABOUT IS IN THE WALL SAFE—CASH THAT MR. MARDELL HAS BEEN BRINGING HOME FROM HIS BROKERAGE OFFICE!



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SO WANDA SNOOPED ON BOYCE...



AND BOYCE SNOOPED ON MARDELL...



AND WANDA, SEEING KIRBY, THE CHAUFFEUR, LEAVE THE HOUSE, SLIPPED INTO A COAT...



WHILE KIRBY, PASSING A WINDOW, SNOOPED ON BOYCE...



BY THE TIME MARDELL IS READY FOR HIS QUICK AND FINAL DEPARTURE, OTHERS ARE QUITE AWARE OF HIS ACTIONS! WHATEVER THEIR INDIVIDUAL PLANS—IF ANY—THEY, TOO, ARE COMPLETED!



KIRBY HAS HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO LEAVE THE CAR AROUND IN THE LANE AND GET BACK HERE...



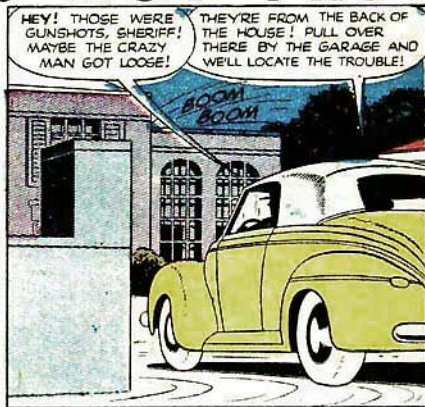
WELL, THIS IS IT! GOOD-BYE TO MARDELL MANOR! THEY'LL BE FILING A BANKRUPTCY PETITION AGAINST ME ANY DAY NOW! I WONDER WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE IN SOUTH AMERICA WITH GAIL!



GOOD! THE COAST IS CLEAR, EXCEPT FOR THAT BLASTED MOONLIGHT! I'LL HURRY THROUGH IT!



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LATER...

FUNNY THING, SHERIFF, FROM THE WAY EVERYBODY TALKED, MARDELL WAS PLANNING TO SKIP TONIGHT! BUT THERE WASN'T ANY MONEY IN HIS POCKETS EXCEPT SOME SMALL CHANGE!

SO WE HAVE TWO CRIMES—ROBBERY AS WELL AS MURDER! COMB THE COUNTRY-SIDE, MEN, AND BRING IN KILGORE! BE CAREFUL! IF WE DON'T FIND HIM, THE HOUNDS WILL!

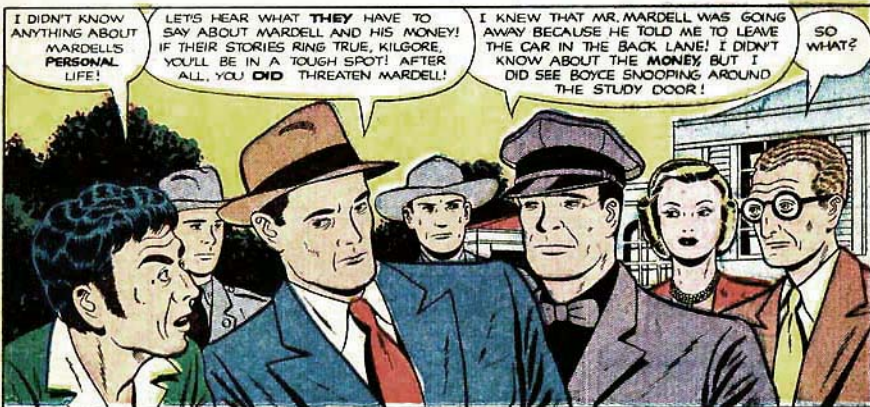
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BE CAREFUL! IF WE DON'T FIND HIM, THE HOUNDS WILL!

BY NOON THE NEXT DAY, KILGORE HAD BEEN TRACKED DOWN AND BROUGHT BACK TO THE MARDELL MANSION! THERE HE TOLD A SIMPLE BUT DIRECT STORY DENYING BOTH OF THE SHERIFF'S CHARGES!

I HEARD TAPS AT THE CELLAR WINDOW, SHERIFF! I TRIED IT AND FOUND IT OPEN, THE PADLOCK LYING ON THE GROUND! I CLIMBED OUT AND RAN AWAY, RATHER THAN WAIT FOR YOU TO COME AND TAKE ME TO JAIL! I WAS AFRAID TO GO BACK INTO THE HOUSE! I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THEY'D PUT MY GUN!

IF YOUR STORY IS TRUE, KILGORE, SOMEBODY DELIBERATELY RELEASED YOU, INTENDING TO MURDER MARDELL FOR HIS MONEY AND LET YOU TAKE THE BLAME! STILL, YOU'RE NOT IN THE CLEAR YET! COME ALONG WHILE I QUESTION THE OTHERS!

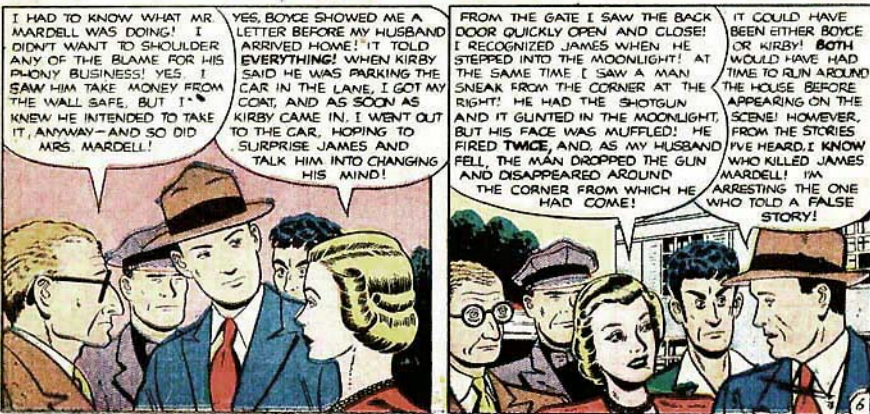


I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MARDELL'S PERSONAL LIFE!

LET'S HEAR WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY ABOUT MARDELL AND HIS MONEY! IF THEIR STORIES RING TRUE, KILGORE, YOU'LL BE IN A TOUGH SPOT! AFTER ALL, YOU DID THREATEN MARDELL!

I KNEW THAT MR. MARDELL WAS GOING AWAY BECAUSE HE TOLD ME TO LEAVE THE CAR IN THE BACK LANE! I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MONEY, BUT I DID SEE BOYCE SNOOPING AROUND THE STUDY DOOR!

SO WHAT?



I HAD TO KNOW WHAT MR. MARDELL WAS DOING! I DIDN'T WANT TO SHOULDER ANY OF THE BLAME FOR HIS RACY BUSINESS! YES, I SAW HIM TAKE MONEY FROM THE WALL SAFE, BUT I KNEW HE INTENDED TO TAKE IT, ANYWAY—AND SO DID MRS. MARDELL!

YES, BOYCE SHOWED ME A LETTER BEFORE MY HUSBAND ARRIVED HOME! IT TOLD EVERYTHING! WHEN KIRBY SAID HE WAS PARKING THE CAR IN THE LANE, I GOT MY COAT, AND AS KIRBY CAME IN, I WENT OUT TO THE CAR, HOPING TO SURPRISE JAMES AND TALK HIM INTO CHANGING HIS MIND!

FROM THE GATE I SAW THE BACK DOOR QUICKLY OPEN AND CLOSE! I RECOGNIZED JAMES WHEN HE STEPPED INTO THE MOONLIGHT! AT THE SAME TIME I SAW A MAN SNEAK FROM THE CORNER AT THE RIGHT! HE HAD THE SHOTGUN AND IT GLINTED IN THE MOONLIGHT, BUT HIS FACE WAS MUFLIED! HE FIRED TWICE, AND, AS MY HUSBAND FELL, THE MAN DROPPED THE GUN AND DISAPPEARED AROUND THE CORNER FROM WHICH HE HAD COME!

IT COULD HAVE BEEN EITHER BOYCE OR KIRBY! BOTH WOULD HAVE HAD TIME TO RUN AROUND THE HOUSE BEFORE APPEARING ON THE SCENE! HOWEVER, FROM THE STORIES I'VE HEARD, I KNOW WHO KILLED JAMES MARDELL! I'M ARRESTING THE ONE WHO TOLD A FALSE STORY!

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## WHO DUNNIT??

BOYCE,  
THE SECRETARY



WANDA,  
MRS. MARDELL



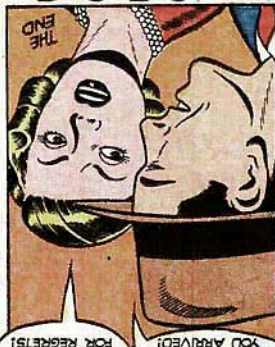
KIRBY,  
THE CHAUFFEUR



KILGORE,  
THE FANATIC



IF YOU CANNOT GUESS WHO  
DUNNIT, TURN THE PAGE  
UPSIDE DOWN FOR THE  
SOLUTION!



MR. MARDELL NEVER  
DID STEP INTO THE MOON-  
LIGHT! HE WAS KILLED  
IN THE SHADOWS! I MISSED  
MY CHANCE!  
LAST NIGHT!  
EVEN THINK  
ABOUT THE  
MONEY UNTIL  
AFTER I  
HAD TIME  
IN THE  
HOUSE! I  
CLEARED  
OUT THEN!  
BUT IT'S TOO  
LATE NOW  
FOR REGRETS!



I ARREST YOU, WANDA MARDELL, FOR  
THE MURDER OF YOUR HUSBAND! YOU  
COULDN'T HAVE RECOGNIZED HIS FACE OR  
SEEN THE SHOTGUN GUILT IN THE MOON-  
LIGHT, BECAUSE THERE WASN'T ANY MOON-  
LIGHT AGAINST THAT WALL! THE MOON WAS  
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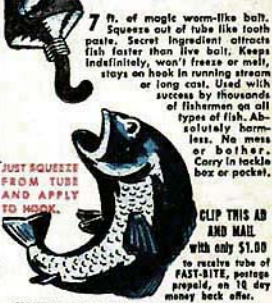
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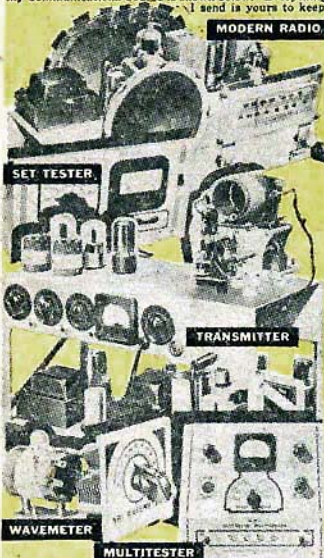
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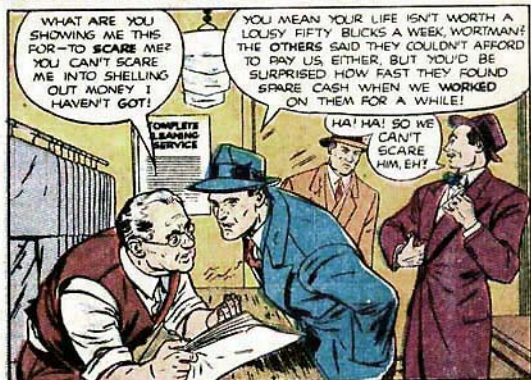


## I'LL DIE LAUGHING

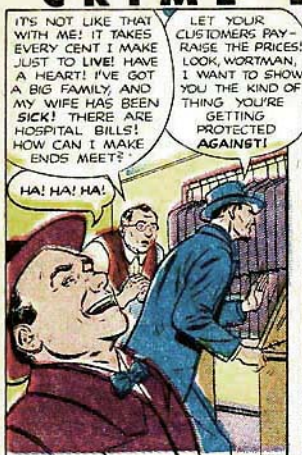
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OH, NO—PLEASE DON'T! I'LL HAVE TO MAKE GOOD!

HA! HA! HA! HA! GET THAT—HE WOULDN'T WANT IT TO HAPPEN—AND IT'S HAPPENING! IS MY BROTHER TONY A SMART OPERATOR? JUST WATCH!



AND THERE ARE SOME GUYS WHO COULD GO ALL THROUGH A PLACE WITH ACID, BURNING HOLES IN CLOTHES LIKE THIS! ISN'T IT WORTH FIFTY DOLLARS A WEEK TO BE PROTECTED FROM PEOPLE LIKE THAT?

ALL RIGHT, MR. COTTI, NO MORE, PLEASE! I'LL GIVE YOU THE MONEY! JUST GO AND LEAVE ME ALONE! I'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW!

NOBODY CAN FOOL AROUND WITH TONY! HE'S EFFICIENT!



HERE, BOYS—YOU HELPED ME PUT UP A GOOD FRONT! SOME DAY, WHEN ME AND PETE GET A BIG ORGANIZATION, YOU'LL WORK FOR US REGULAR!

WILL YOU LOOK AT PETE! DID YOU EVER SEE A GUY LAUGH SO MUCH? WHAT'S SO FUNNY, PETE?

HA! HA! HA! OH, I'LL BE LAUGHING! HA! HA! HA! CAN'T YOU SEE WORTMAN—HA! HA! HA—TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO HIS CUSTOMER HOW HIS SUIT GOT TORN UP? HO! HO! HO!

CLEANING DYEING



GEE, THE WAY PETE DROOLS OVER HIS BROTHER MAKES ME SICK! IT'S TONY THIS AND TONY THAT! AND LAUGH—ALWAYS WHEN IT'S THE OTHER GUY GETTING HURT! BUT LET SOMETHING HAPPEN TO ONE OF THEM—

DON'T THINK TONY ISN'T NUTS ABOUT HIS BROTHER, TOO! ONLY HE'S QUIET—TOO QUIET SOMETIMES! IT'S LIKE THEY WERE ONE GUY DIVIDED IN HALF, ONE SERIOUS, THE OTHER DOING ALL THE LAUGHING!



REMEMBER THE OLD DAYS, PETE? WE DID THE DIRTY WORK FOR A LOUSY HUNDRED BUCKS A WEEK, AND THE BIG CHEESE, HE GOT ALL THE GRAYV—A COOL MILLION A YEAR! BUT NO MORE, EH, KID?

HA! HA! HA! NO MORE! THE COTTI BROTHERS ARE GOING TO THE TOP OF THE HEAP! AND THE WAY YOU HANDLE 'EM, TONY—THEY PAY OFF AND LOVE IT—HA HA!



LOOK HOW WE'RE CLEANING UP JUST BY SQUEEZING A FEW COMPANIES! WE GOT A GOOD FOOTHOLD AND SOON WE'LL START TO EXPAND—HIRE SOME BOYS TO MAKE THE COLLECTIONS FOR US!

YEAH, WHILE WE GET THE SUN AT MIAMI BEACH IN THE WINTER, AND GO HUNTING IN CANADA IN THE SUMMER! YOU KNOW YOU GOT TO HAVE A LICENSE TO HUNT ANIMALS!



BUT THE COTTI DREAM OF GRANDEUR WAS SOON INTERRUPTED BY UNEXPECTED VISITORS.

HOLY SMOKE! HEY, PETE—LOOK! IT'S BIG ED DONELLA—AND JESS PO!

HA, HA, HA! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT! SO HELP ME, ED, TONY AND ME WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT YOU! COME ON IN! WE GOT SOME GOOD STUFF HERE!

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NEITHER TONY NOR BIG ED MENTIONED THE MAIN REASON FOR THEIR GET-TOGETHER TILL AFTER DINNER...

SON-OF-A-GUN, ED! NOBODY CAN PUT ON A FEED LIKE YOU! TOO BAD PETE HAD TO MISS IT, BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WHEN A GUY'S HAD A DATE WITH A DAME FOR A WEEK! UH-THAT REMINDS ME-HE SAID TO MEET HIM BACK AT THE OFFICE BY MIDNIGHT...

WELL, LET'S GET DOWN TO CASES NOW, TONY! MY OFFER STILL STANDS! I KNOW YOU AND PETE ARE GOING TO PLAY BALL WITH ME!

SURE, ED, BUT ONLY TO THIS EXTENT - WE GIVE YOU OUR WORD OF HONOR, NOT TO TRY TO TAKE OVER ANY MORE BUSINESS THAN WE'VE ALREADY GOT! ME AND PETE HAVE TOO GOOD A DEAL TO QUIT, ED - I KNOW I CAN'T KID YOU ABOUT THAT!

SO YOUR ANSWER IS NO! I WAS AFRAID IT MIGHT BE! YOU BOYS ALWAYS WERE AMBITIOUS!

I SURE ENJOYED EVERYTHING, ED! AND LISTEN, NO HARD FEELINGS, ARE THERE?

NO HARD FEELINGS! I'LL SEE YOU DOWN TO YOUR CAR, TONY!



YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO COME ALL THE WAY DOWN WITH ME, ED! I WAS... SAY, WHAT IS THIS?

JUST A PRECAUTION, TONY! GET IN! WE'RE GOING TO YOUR OFFICE WITH YOU!



TWENTY MINUTES LATER...

WHY HERE? WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL, ED? LISTEN, I TOLD YOU PETE'S EXPECTING ME! IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, PETE'S GOING RIGHT TO THE COPS!

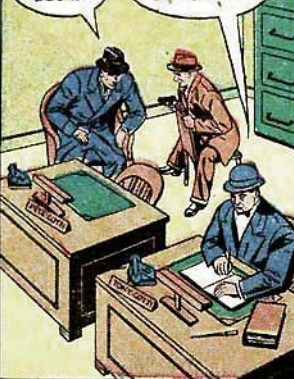
YEAH? WHAT'LL HE TELL THEM? THAT YOU KNOCKED OFF THREE GUYS TO CHESE IN ON MY RACKET, AND I GOT SORE AND WOULDN'T LET YOU OPERATE? ANY TIME I'M NOT A COUPLE OF STEPS AHEAD OF TWO PUNK TRIGGER BOYS, I'LL QUIT! GET IN THERE, TONY! WE HAVE A LITTLE BOOK WORK TO DO BEFORE PETE GETS HERE!

COTTI BROS.



W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO OUR BOOKS?

RELAX, KID! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE FAMOUS COTTI SENSE OF HUMOR?



ED! ED! HAVE A LITTLE MERCY! I'LL DO ANYTHING! BESIDES, THE COPS WILL KNOW WHO GOT ME!

SURE THEY'LL KNOW, TONY! THEY'LL FIND PETE'S LETTER OPENER IN YOU, WITH HIS FINGER-PRINTS ON IT! THEY'D WANT TO KNOW WHY HE DID IT! AND THEY'LL LOOK IN THE BOOKS AND FIND YOU'VE BEEN CHEATING HIM! A PERFECT FRAME, I'D CALL IT!



ANXIOUS FOR WORD FROM HIS BROTHER, PETE COTTI WENT TO THE OFFICE AN HOUR LATER...



I TOLD YOU FIVE TIMES! THEY'VE KILLED A-Y BROTHER, DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND - MY BROTHER, TONY! SEND A SQUAD CAR OVER! DO SOMETHING!

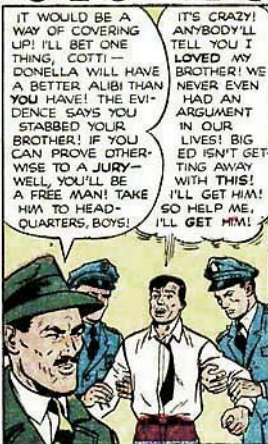
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BY 11:30 THE FRAMED EVIDENCE HAD CONVINCED INVESTIGATORS, HEADED BY DETECTIVE LARRY MCCLLOUD, THAT PETE COTTI WAS HIS BROTHER'S MURDERER!



IS THERE ANYONE WHO CAN VERIFY YOUR CLAIM THAT YOU WERE HOME ALL EVENING—UNTIL TWENTY MINUTES AGO?

NO! NOBODY SAW ME! WE HAVE A SELF-SERVICE ELEVATOR! BUT THAT DOESN'T PROVE I WASN'T HOME! I'VE BEEN FRAMED BY BIG ED DONELLA! CAN'T YOU SEE THAT? THE WHOLE THING STINKS A MILE HIGH OF A FRAME-UP! WOULD I CALL COPS IF I MURDERED SOMEBODY?



IT WOULD BE A WAY OF COVERING UP! I'LL BET ONE THING, COTTI—DONELLA WILL HAVE A BETTER ALIBI THAN YOU HAVE! THE EVIDENCE SAYS YOU STABBED YOUR BROTHER! IF YOU CAN PROVE OTHERWISE TO A JURY—WELL, YOU'LL BE A FREE MAN! TAKE HIM TO HEAD-QUARTERS, BOYS!

IT'S CRAZY! ANYBODY'LL TELL YOU I LOVED MY BROTHER! WE NEVER EVEN HAD AN ARGUMENT IN OUR LIVES! BIG ED WASN'T GETTING AWAY WITH THIS! I'LL GET HIM! SO HELP ME, I'LL GET HIM!



NOBODY'S PUTTING A ROPE AROUND MY NECK FOR SOMETHING I DIDN'T DO!

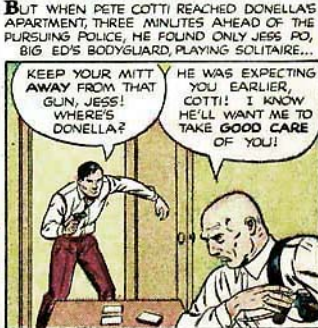
WHY DIDN'T YOU HANG ON TO HIM? STOP WHERE YOU ARE, COTTI, OR YOU WON'T LIVE TO BE HANGED!



YOU AND ME KNOW WHO GOT YOU, TONY!...HE CUT ME IN HALF WHEN HE KILLED YOU! THAT'S HOW IT WAS WITH US, TONY—LIKE ONE PERSON! ONLY, THERE'S ENOUGH LEFT TO TAKE CARE OF HIM!



DONELLA'S PLACE—2804 LAKESHORE DRIVE—THAT'S WHERE COTTI WILL HEAD! OH, THESE HOODS!...THEY GET A GRUDGE FIXED IN THEIR TWISTED MINDS, AND THEY'LL DIE TO SETTLE ACCOUNTS!



KEEP YOUR MITT AWAY FROM THAT GUN, JESS! WHERE'S DONELLA?

HE WAS EXPECTING YOU EARLIER, COTTI! I KNOW HE'LL WANT ME TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU!



THERE'S PART OF THE JOB DONE, TONY! DON'T WORRY—I'LL FIND BIG ED, TOO!



LEAVING THE BODY OF JESS PO, AND STILL INTENT ON FINDING DONELLA, PETE DASHED DOWN-STAIRS! BUT AT THE SECOND FLOOR, LANDING HE QUICKLY REVERSED HIMSELF...

COTTI! GET HIM IF HE MOVES, BRYANT!

COPS!



GOT TO DITCH THIS HEATER!...THEY'LL FIND JESS PO, AND THEY'LL KNOW THIS IS THE GUN THAT PLUGGED HIM!

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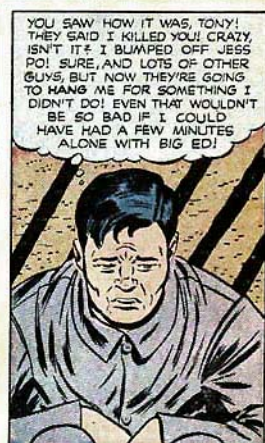
HIS MIND DULLED WITH RAGE AND HATRED, PETE COTTI COULD THINK ONLY OF REVENGE—KILL, KILL!



AT THAT EXACT MOMENT, BIG ED DONELLA WAS RETURNING FROM A VISIT WITH A FRIEND IN AN APARTMENT ON AN UPPER FLOOR...



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AND THEN, AS PETE STARED STUNNED AT THE NOOSE, THE CONVICT WHO WAS TO DIE WITH HIM DRAGGED HIS WAY UP THE GALLOW'S STEPS AND STOOD BESIDE HIM...



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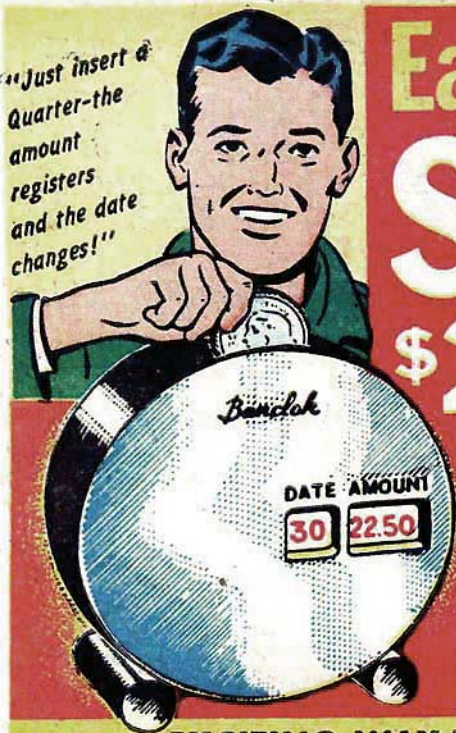
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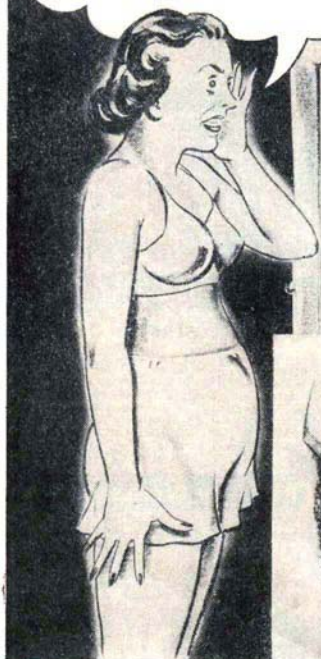
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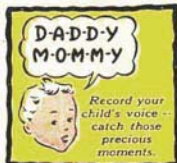
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